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August 20, 2007

Mr. Richard W. Gates  
Corporate Environmental Programs  
General Electric Company  
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Approval of General Electric's July 30, 2007 submittal titled *Addendum to Supplemental Implementation Package for Selected Phase 2 Floodplain Properties Adjacent to the 1 ½ Mile Reach of the Housatonic River*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of GE's July 30, 2007 submittal titled *Addendum to Supplemental Implementation Package for Selected Phase 2 Floodplain Properties Adjacent to the 1 ½ Mile Reach of the Housatonic River* (the "submittal"). This Report is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the above-referenced submittal.

EPA reserves all of its rights under the CD, including but not limited to the right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the CD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dean Tagliaferro", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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